

LANDMARK COMING DOWN—Tearing down of the old Murdock power plant and adjacent homes in Heber City ends an era launched in 1910 by Knight Investment Co.

Power Plant Demolition Ends Era In Wasatch

HEBER CITY—A 50-year-old Wasatch County landmark, the Murdock power plant, is in the process of being torn down.

The substation of the Utah Power and Light Co. was built in 1910 by the Knight Investment Co., designed by L. L. Nunn.

It was named the Murdock Plant in honor of J. R. Murdock, a friend of L. L. Nunn and Jessie Knight.

Mr. Murdock, visioning the possibilities of the plant, had encouraged its erection. His saw mill furnished the lumber used to pipe the water from the intake on Provo River $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of the plant.

The Knight company purchased the land and built the plant to furnish power in con-

junction with the Snake Creek Plant at Midway, to mines in Snake Creek, Mill Creek, Mercury and the Ontario Drain Tunnel at Park City. Surrounding towns did not benefit from the plant as the 44,000 volts was used exclusively by the mines.

The plant was purchased by Utah Power and Light Co. in 1913. Use of the plant was discontinued in 1944 or 1945 when a timber truck crashed into the wooden pipe. High operating costs and upkeep of the wooden pipe also influenced its demise.

Also being torn down are the homes in the area that housed the plant personnel and their families.

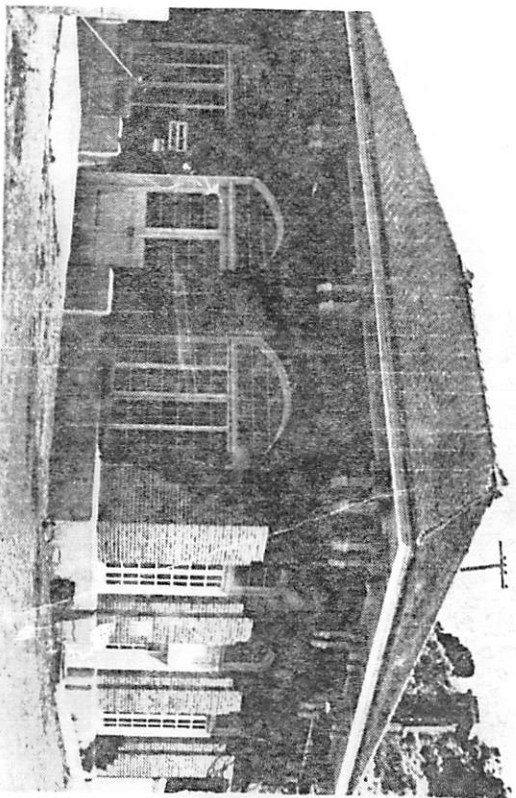
Murdock Plant Dismantled

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The Murdock Power Station, a small hydro plant on the upper Provo River, is the most recent casualty in the march of progress. The properties of Murdock have recently gone on the block to be sold to the highest bidder.

This station was acquired by UP&L, Jan. 1, 1913, when the properties of the Knight Consolidated Power Co. were purchased by UP&L.

Many employees and their families have fond memories of their time at the Murdock plant. The last two power company families to live at Murdock, the J. C. (Dick) Millers and the Wendell Dukes, transferred to Salt Lake in the fall of 1958.



Murdock Power Station, shown here, has been dismantled and sold.